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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 70.9 degrees, 1.4 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, August 3. Precipitation averaged 2.02 inches, 1.30 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 21 points below normal.

Reporters rated 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, August 1. This is 1.4 days less than last year and 0.8 days less than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2003	4.9	3.2	60.8
2002	6.3	6.5	72.2
1998-2002 Average	5.7	6.2	80.9

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	3	77	20
Last Week	0	3	59	38
Same Week Last Year	41	40	19	0
1998-2002 Average	21	31	42	6

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Reporters estimate 80 percent of **Corn** is silking. This is three days ahead of 2002 but three days behind the 1998-2002 average. Corn is nine percent in dough. This is one day behind last year and eight days behind the five-year

average. Eighty-two percent of **Soybeans** are blooming, compared to 79 percent for 2002 and 89 percent for the 1998-2002 average. Respondents estimated 33 percent of soybeans are setting pods. This is three days ahead of last year but six days behind the five-year average. Reporters estimated 99 percent of **Oats** are now ripe. This is eight days ahead of last year and five days ahead of the five-year average. Forty-one percent of oats have been harvested. This is five days behind 2002 and eight days behind the 1998-2002 average. The second cutting of **Alfalfa** hay is 71 percent complete and the third cutting is 10 percent complete. The second cutting of **Other** hay is 48 percent complete and the third cutting is four percent complete. **Potato** growers have six percent of their crops harvested. This is two days behind 2002 and seven days behind the five-year average. Fruit producers have 47 percent of **Summer Apples** harvested and 39 percent of **Peaches** harvested. Vegetable growers have 21 percent of **Cucumbers** harvested.

Unreasonably cool, wet conditions continue to persist across the state of Ohio. However, field activities in many areas proceeded as normal. Farmers combined oats, baled hay, and finished up the wheat harvest. Producers mowed water ways, lanes, and sprayed alfalfa for insects. Bee keepers are busy with cucumber and other pollination work. Fruit growers harvested apples, peaches, and blueberries. Farmers scouted fields, sprayed soybeans, and performed tile maintenance and installation. Vegetable growers harvested fresh market tomatoes, peppers, sweet corn and other vegetables.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn was rated 62 percent good to excellent condition. Pasture was rated at 69 percent good to excellent condition. The wet weather has greatly improved pasture conditions but many fields are infested with weeds. Livestock was rated at 80 percent good to excellent condition. Reporters have indicated livestock are enjoying the cool weather but flies and mosquitoes continue to pester cattle.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	71	93	92	53	NA
Alfalfa hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	10	23	25	4	NA
Corn silking	80	72	87	65	70
Corn in dough	9	10	24	2	10
Cucumbers harvested	21	33	36	NA	NA
Oats ripe	99	93	96	67	NA
Oats harvested	41	60	68	15	20
Other hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	48	72	72	34	NA
Other hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	4	15	11	NA	NA
Peaches harvested	39	38	42	20	NA
Potatoes harvested	6	8	14	2	NA
Soybeans blooming	82	79	89	68	69
Soybeans setting pods	33	25	49	18	21
Summer apples harvested	47	42	54	36	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	8	27	44	18
Previous Week	3	9	29	45	14
Previous Year	19	30	34	15	2
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	8	31	48	9
Previous Week	3	9	33	47	8
Previous Year	9	26	41	22	2
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	18	66	14
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	2	7	42	44	5
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	5	44	44	5
Previous Week	4	8	35	47	6
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	26	54	15
Previous Week	1	4	22	59	14
Previous Year	21	34	32	12	1
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	10	30	43	14
Previous Week	3	10	31	45	11
Previous Year	13	29	40	16	2

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	70.6	-1.4	2.49	1.78	20.33	5.69	147	-3	1759	-112
North Central	70.1	-1.9	1.97	1.24	20.01	5.02	135	-17	1733	-98
Northeast	69.2	-1.5	2.03	1.10	24.34	8.87	117	-26	1583	-139
West Central	70.7	-1.8	2.05	1.36	22.40	6.15	135	-19	1856	-93
Central	70.9	-1.7	1.90	1.32	19.94	3.66	127	-28	1872	-96
Central Hills	69.8	-1.6	2.21	1.49	21.10	5.01	120	-26	1744	-79
Northeast Hills	70.1	-1.5	1.97	1.17	21.77	5.78	122	-26	1729	-116
Southwest	72.0	-1.6	2.17	1.51	21.67	4.51	134	-27	1950	-105
South Central	73.1	-0.6	1.68	0.97	23.77	7.85	140	-21	2006	-78
Southeast	71.6	-0.8	1.79	1.03	21.25	5.14	131	-22	1873	-86
STATE	70.9	-1.4	2.02	1.30	21.62	5.71	132	-21	1821	-100

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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